Youth's Department.

Conducted by Lottie Holsinger.

A Short Sermon.

BY ALICE CARY.

Children who read my lay,
This much I have to say:
Each day, and every day,
Do what is right—
Right things in great and small;
Then, though the sky should fall,
Sun, moon, and stars, and all,
You shall have light.

This further would I say:
Be you, tempted as you may,
Each day, and every day,
Speak what is true—
True things in great and small,
Sun, moon and stars and all,
Heaven would show through.

Figs, as you see and know,
Do not out of thistle grow;
And though the blossoms blow
While on the tree,
Grapes never, never yet
On the limbs of thorns were set;
So, if you a good would get,
Good you must be.

Life's journey through and through,
Speaking what is just and true,
Doing what is right to do
Unto one and all,
When you work, and when you play,
Each day, and every day;
Then peace shall gild your way,
Though the sky should fall.

Our Scripture Lesson For Oct. 5th.

Read 1 Kings 1:22—35.

We do not know why David chose Solomon to succeed him; Adonijah, one of the king's sons, with whom he was well pleased, tried to get the reign while David still lived, though he was old and feeble. Adonijah set about in the same way Absalom did; he had all things ready for the people to proclaim him king, when Nathan, the prophet understanding his course, intercepted his plan. Nathan wanted Solomon to be formally made king while David lived. He sent Bathsheba unto the king to remind David of his vow that he had made unto her that Solomon should reign after him. While Bathsheba was with the king, Nathan was to meet her and confirm her words. And here is where we find Nathan at the beginning of our first lesson in the new quarter.

The prophet asked David if he had said that Adonijah should be his successor, and then he informed him what his son had done. The king called for Bathsheba who came before the king and then the king renewed his vow to her before witnesses that her son Solomon should rule after him. Solomon was sent for that day to be crowned king over Israel and Judah.

This is the first we have been told of Bathsheba since the tragedy of David's life. She had four sons, and one of them was to succeed to the throne. Bathsheba was David's favorite wife.

Nathan was a prophet, and in those days the will of God was revealed unto certain men, and Nathan knew it was willed that Solomon should be David's successor. See how diligent and fearless he was! first to keep Adonijah in check, then to hurry Bathsheba to the king. While all eyes were turned toward Adonijah and the people were willing to pay him homage, Nathan rises up alone to further the desire of the Lord. When we know we are doing what is for a common benefit we should fear nothing, nor not even hesitate in our work even should it displease many who call themselves our friends.

We should be careful when we pledge ourselves; vows should never be made but when we may call on God as a witness, and then we should bend every energy in their fulfilment.

Whom did David choose as his successor?

Who attempted to set his choice aside?

Who remained faithful to the wish of the king?

What was Adonijah's plan?

Who saw through it?

Whom did he send to the king about it?

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Our report looks well this week. If sometimes we have nothing to report we dare not become discouraged, but keep on. *Success will* be ours some time.

The Ashland Dew Drop club will have something pleasant to report to their many friends next week.

Letters from the Children.

Dear Lottie:

I wish to say that I love to read our church paper; it is full of good news and enjoyment to us all. And as I only united with the church last winter, yet I feel great pleasure in being among the children of God, and would say to all young people, give your hearts and lives to Jesus, and seek pleasure in a cause that will fit us for a blessed home beyond this world of care. There is great pleasure in the religion of Jesus and I wish all my brethren and sisters God speed, and let us go on in our work and try to do all we can in advancing the cause of Christ and building up his church on earth; and as I am yet young and inexperienced I desire an interest in your prayers.

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May God bless you, Emma, and all our young people who are trying to live pure lives. May you live faithful to the sacred vow you have made, nor ever need be reminded of your obligations, as David was in this week's lesson.

The advice you give to your comrades is a worthy one, and were it heeded would make nobles of us all. God grant that we may all become more diligent in our work.

Dear Lottie:

I thought I would write for the Youth's department. This is the first time I have written for the paper. I have two sisters older than I. I am nine years old. I go to school. I have read many letters in the Youth's department, but none from Michigan; I hope this will not be the last. We go to meeting at the Newton Grove church; our minister's name is Walter Clark. I like to read the letters, and will try and get others to write.

DELL HARTSELL.

You have written us our first letter from Michigan. I trust you may be successful in getting your little friends to write. Write again, Dell. Have you no Sabbath school?

Have A Purpose

It is not possible for every boy to know, at sixteen, just what particular thing he is to do in life, but every one ought to have some purpose, some laudable ambition, some high ideal, and then strive to attain it. One of your number asked me the other day, if I thought every young man could become what he *chose* to be. That was really asking whether the old adage is true: "Where there's a will there's a way." Did you ever know an aphorism of the ages that was not based on a deep truth? "Find a way, or make a way." In an important sense the adage is true. But the will must be full, thorough, complete. It must permeate every fibre of the boy's constitution. It must be permanent and reliable. It must not be ephemeral, superficial, or half-hearted. It pre-supposes some knowledge of the difficulties in the way, and a contempt for them as difficulties. The *means* are essential to secure the *end*. We cannot sit down, Micawber-like, waiting for something to turn up, to put us in the place we wish to occupy. If one wishes to become a rich man, he must labor hard, early and late, year after year until the result is reached; he must earn, and he must save every penny possible. Read the life of John Jacob Astor or Stephen Girard, if you wish to learn the way to wealth. Is it your ambition to be learned, eloquent, or honored? You must desire it with all your soul, and strive for it as for dear life; and you must not get discouraged as the years pass by. But you must have that kind of ambition which will admit of no refusal. It must be discouraged by no obstacles, thwarted by no misfortunes, weakened by no reverses. That kind of a perseverance is what *men* are made of. I have heard it said that Lord Beaconsfield, in his boyhood, aspired to the first place in the English government, and so he attained it. The story probably has no truth in it, and yet has underneath it a truth worth more than if it were true. You need have no childish wish to become President of the United States, for generally he who strives after the place will never get it. The adage "The dark horse always wins," has a great deal of truth in it. But you *can* and you *ought* to have a high and laudable ambition to prepare yourself for *manhood*, and for the *duties* which manhood shall bring to you.—*Wm. A. Mowry.*

Lost Willie.

A poor boy employed in Scotland to keep sheep was overtaken on the hills by a severe snow storm. Long and bravely he kept up, and tried to drive his flock home by taking note of the landmarks he knew. All in vain; the snow fell fast, and before night all traces of roads and paths were lost, and poor Willie found himself alone in the hills with his sheep.

As the night wore on, the fatal drowsiness began to creep over him, beyond his power to resist, and without a scrap of shelter, he lay himself down among his sheep to sleep and die for he was sure he would never more wake on earth. With a smothered prayer for help he fell asleep, and as he lay there, more sheep came and huddled around him. Strange, indeed, as it may seem, the warmth from their bodies kept him from being frozen to death. A party from home went in search of him, and they found him surrounded by a dozen old sheep, whose instinct had saved his life. In keeping themselves warm they had kept warmth and life in him. And he lived many years to tell this anecdote of his boyhood's peril when lost on the wild northern hillside.

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